

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3 and 5-12 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 13-16 are canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter recited in those claims. Reconsideration of the application in light of the above amendments and the following arguments is respectfully requested.

The courtesies extended to Applicants' representatives by Examiner Carter at the interview held August 25, 2009 are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below, which constitute Applicants' record of the interview.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1, 3 and 5-12.

In the Office Action, claims 13-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 for being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 13-16 are canceled rendering this rejection moot.

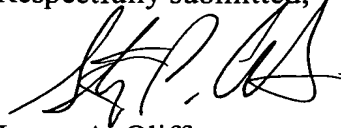
In the Office Action, claims 13-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 2,811,893 to Ryan and are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,614,427 to Aubrey.

Claims 13-16 are canceled rendering this rejection moot.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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